GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1
ANSWERED ON:02.12.2003
TRANSPORT SUBSIDY FOR FERTILIZER
SURESH CHANDEL

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Union Government are aware of the fact that the permission to provideadditional transport subsidy for distribution of fertilizers was also granted to the States of Himachal Pradesh on the lines of Jammu & Kashmir and North Eastern States;

(b) If so, the date on which it was granted;

(c) whether it is a fact that this issue was also raised by the officers of State Governmentduring the meeting of National Development Council held in Delhi during 2000; and

[d] if so, the details thereof;

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZRS (DR. CHHATTRA PAL SINGH)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir, Government of India has issued orders to provide additional transport subsidy w.e.f.1.4.98 on the decontrolled phosphatic & potassic fertilizers supplied to Himachal Pradesh . These orders were issued on 30.09.2002. However, in the case of urea the Government of Himachal Pradesh has been requested to furnish certain information,which is still awaited. The Government of India would take decision on the proposal after the receipt of required information from the State Government.

(c) & (d) The 48th and 49th meeting of the National Development Council (NDC) wereheld in February 1999 and September 2001 respectively. Hence NDC did not meet in year 2000.